

Weizman to discuss Saudi-Cairo rift

By HIRSH GOODMAN
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Defence Minister Ezer Weizman's talks here with the Egyptian leadership are expected to focus on bilateral relations between Israel and Egypt in light of the Saudi rupture of relations with Egypt...

have a "negative effect."
Weizman's visit is considered largely ceremonial, with most of the outstanding military questions surrounding Israeli withdrawal from Sinai already having been resolved by Weizman and Egyptian counterparts...

nom the Israeli defence minister went to the Gamal Abdul-Nasser housing project, where he laid a wreath on the tomb of Egypt's Unknown Soldier. Israeli flags were raised and the two national anthems were played.

Begin phones Weizman in Cairo to check PLO remark

By HIRSH GOODMAN
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Prime Minister Menachem Begin telephoned Defence Minister Ezer Weizman here yesterday evening to discuss the latter's statement on the subject of the Palestinian PLO and the PLO.



Defence Minister Ezer Weizman speaking at Cairo Airport yesterday. To his left is Egyptian Defence Minister, General Kamal Hassan Ali.

Beduin lands order made absolute Zamir tells High Court gov't regrets breach

Jerusalem Post Staff, Rim
Attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir yesterday apologized in the High Court of Justice on behalf of the government, which, he admitted, had contravened its obligations to the court in the Lagiya Beduin lands case.

the Beerseba District Court.
On April 4, earth-moving machinery moved onto part of the disputed land in order to build a road, under another law which does not require such a court order...

Blast mars Muzorewa's Rhodesia victory

SALISBURY. — A bomb exploded in a shopping centre near the heart of the Rhodesian capital yesterday, killing one black and wounding another, a military spokesman said. It was the first outbreak of urban violence in Salisbury since Bishop Abel Muzorewa on Monday comfortably swept the voting to become Rhodesia's first black premier-designate.

ing Premier Ian Smith negotiated with his country's black residents, set a killer-bomb inside Salisbury was in August 1977. That bomb killed 11 people and wounded more than 70.
Meanwhile, as Rhodesia celebrated Muzorewa's election, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young said that he was "doubtful" whether the recent elections would guarantee peace in the country...

Ceausescu calls for new Geneva E. peace talks

IAILIA (Reuters). — Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu yesterday called for a new Middle East conference in Geneva with Palestinian Arab participation. He made the suggestion in talks here with President Anwar Sadat.

Despite 'break' in relations Saudis quietly continue aid to Egypt

By JOHN P. WALLACE
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IRO. — Saudi Arabia has privately agreed that despite the Arab boycott it will provide Egypt with \$1.5 billion in new economic aid. It will leave here over \$1 billion in bank deposits which could cripple Egypt's economy if they had to be sold.

planes had been paid last year. The fate of the deal had earlier been in doubt, following the Saudis' announced decision to join in sanctions against Egypt for signing the peace treaty.
The U.S. ambassador explained that although Saudi economic aid to Egypt this year will run considerably less than the \$800m. to \$1 billion it has totalled in previous years, an accord has been reached that "Saudi commitments in the past will be honoured."

previous project aid. That means \$250m. is available for Egypt to draw on this year.
The third step was Saudi lobbying at the recent Baghdad summit of Arab hardliners that no action be taken against Egyptian citizens — that the boycott be limited to oil (Egypt only imports 6 per cent of its domestic oil needs) and new aid commitments.
The Saudis had good reason for this — there are more than 200,000 Egyptians in Saudi Arabia, performing vital civil service functions, but also sending their paychecks home or having the funds deposited in Egyptian banks.

Terrorists and IDF swap fire

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Children in the Galilee Panhandle took refuge in air-raid shelters yesterday as the Israel Defence Forces responded to shooting by terrorists in southern Lebanon with heavy artillery fire aimed at the sources of the shooting.

It was described by observers as the heaviest day of shooting in Upper Galilee since Israeli troops moved into Lebanon after terrorists last year.
The shooting interrupted normal activities in most settlements, and in several places adults were also ordered into the shelters.

Barrages of Katyusha rockets were fired on settlements in Western Galilee about 10:30 a.m. yesterday, with the IDF returning fire. Normal activities, however, continued during the shooting, with no casualties or damage reported.

One civil guard was slightly wounded, but was sent home after treatment. A woman suffered minor injuries when she fell while running to a shelter. Damage was described as minor, mostly broken window panes in several settlements in the region. Utility lines were slightly damaged, and there were reports that agricultural fields were set ablaze.

In several places, serious disasters were narrowly escaped when rockets flew over public buildings and schools. One gym class saw a rocket fly overhead. Several children were treated for shock in hospitals.
The terrorists in Lebanon operated from the Arnoum Heights, from the Arkoub (Fatahland) region and the

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Full text of treaty document

Whereas the Treaty of peace between Israel and Egypt was approved by the Knesset on March 22, 1979, and whereas the said treaty of peace was done at Washington, D.C. on March 26, 1979, and was signed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter, and whereas Article Nine of the said treaty of peace provides that it should enter into force upon the exchange of instruments of ratification, and whereas on April 1, 1979 the Government of Israel decided to ratify the said treaty of peace, and whereas the text of the said treaty of peace is word-for-word annexed hereto, now, therefore, it is hereby declared that the Government of Israel hereby ratifies the treaty of peace between the State of Israel and the Arab Republic of Egypt.



The director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Ellahu Ben-Elissar, (right foreground), and Egyptian Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Sa'ad Afra exchange the bulky formal instruments of ratification of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt at Umm Khashiba in Sinai yesterday. On the extreme right is the U.S. ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis and his crew-cut colleague in Cairo, Hermann Elits, at extreme left.

Peace-treaty countdown starts Israel, Egypt exchange ratification documents

By DAVID RICHARDSON and DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporters
UMM KASHIBA, Sinai. — Israel and Egypt are formally at peace as of 5:27 p.m. yesterday afternoon. The director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Ellahu Ben-Elissar, and Egyptian Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Sa'ad Afra exchanged the formal instruments of ratification — which are the final (or almost final) documents necessary for the peace treaty signed between the two countries to become effective. (See adjoining story)

Arish — Ras Muhammad line in Sinai. Israel's complete withdrawal from Sinai, taken during the Six Day War of June 1967, will be completed by April 25, 1982.
A crowd of 300 — 75 dignitaries and 75 newsmen from each side — waited at the remote Sinai Field Mission at Umm Khashiba for nearly three hours, as last-minute hitches held up the ceremony.

mosphere began to dissipate and newsmen scurried around trying to learn what was holding things up.
Finally, after 5 p.m. and under a sinking sun, the bands and guards of honour marched on again and the ceremony commenced.

Shortly before 8 p.m. as scheduled, two bands and two guards of honour had marched onto the converted parking lot which served as a parade ground, with the flags of Israel, Egypt, the U.S. and the United Nations fluttering in the background. There was a distinctly festive atmosphere in the bright sunlight, and veteran journalists who have covered the peace process since Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in November 1977 could not help but remark at the occasion's historic significance.
As the bands played alternately to entertain the crowd, soldiers of the ceremonial guard of honour who were lined up together exchanged remarks. Shlomo Blon, the Sergeant-Major of the Israeli squad, whispered remarks to a tall mustachioed corporal next to him.
As the delay extended, the soldiers were marched off and mingled with each other. Musicians of the two bands compared notes. But as the delay dragged on, the festive at-

After exchanging the bulky folders containing all the peace documents, Afra, who spoke in Arabic, said that today the treaty of peace enters into force as an important step in the search for peace. He concluded his remarks with a salute to the soldiers present "who, only some months ago, stood in confrontation and now are eagerly witnessing the flag of peace being hoisted."
Ben-Elissar, who called the treaty a "rendezvous with history," said: "As from this day forth, we set about building the peace between us. What we do here today represents the will, the wish and the prayer of millions."
Ambassador Hermann Elits said that the peace treaty would be followed by intense economic development in both countries. On behalf of President Jimmy Carter he stressed the U.S.'s willingness to aid this process.
The ceremony ended with the playing of the Israeli, Egyptian and U.S. anthems by the bands of both armies.
After 31 years of conflict and four major wars, the state of war between Israel and Egypt was formally at an end.

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Wording dispute causes 2 1/2-hour delay

By DAVID LANDAU and DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporters
UMM KASHIBA, Sinai. — True to form to the last, the Israel-Egypt peace process was formally consummated yesterday in an exchange-of-ratifications ceremony which developed into a cliffhanging, nerve-racking

negotiation over legal-textual points of contention.
The instruments of ratification were finally exchanged two-and-a-half hours after the scheduled time — and there is to be an additional letter sent by Egypt's Premier Mustapha Khalil in a day or two expressing further "clarifications" and thereby

allaying the concerns that each party felt over particular phrases or procedures.
This additional letter was drafted at the U.S. monitoring facility here by legal aides in the two delegations, and was approved over the telephone by Premier Menachem Begin in Jerusalem and by senior Egyptian policymakers (apparently

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**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Fair with a rise in temperatures and a drop in humidity.

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Jerusalem	45	8-18	22
Golan	42	8-18	22
Nahariya	50	10-22	22
Safed	60	7-16	20
Haifa Port	61	10-20	22
Tiberias	31	12-23	22
Nazareth	45	10-19	22
Afula	45	10-22	25
Shimon	56	10-17	21
Tel Aviv	55	18-22	23
E-C Airport	54	10-21	25
Jricho	55	18-28	26
Gaza	52	18-20	22
Beerbecha	57	0-20	20
Eilat	18	18-29	31
Tiran Straits	30	20-28	30

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

West German Ambassador Klaus Schütz yesterday visited Bar-Ilan University and presented its president, Prof. Emanuel Rackman, with a gift of books for the library.

Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny held a reception and luncheon yesterday for Latin American ambassadors in Israel. The occasion was the upcoming annual convention of the International Bank for Development and Reconstruction of Latin American economic cooperation.

Attorney Eli Zohar will speak at today's weekly get-together of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club on "The Right of the Individual to his Own Person, Freedom and Privacy," at 1 p.m. at the Tel Aviv Eilat.

Professor Avner Sclayk will discuss the question of "Religion and State and Jewish and Israeli Identity in the 'Who is a Jew?' Dilemma," tonight at 8 o'clock at ZOA House in Tel Aviv. The talk will launch a seminar of the English-Language Institute of Israel Studies on "Law in Israel."

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem will sponsor a lecture by Prof. Seymour Benzer of the Division of Biology, California Institute of Technology, on "Genes, Neurons and Behaviour in Drosophila," on Sunday, April 29 at 6:15 p.m. at the Academy, Einstein Square, Talbich, Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem branch of the Hitahdut Olei Australia and New Zealand will hold its annual Independence Day picnic for all Australians and New Zealanders at Kibbutz Kfar Etzion on Wednesday, May 2. Further details will follow in advertisements in The Jerusalem Post.

**DEPARTURES**

Raphael Kotliowitz, head of the World Zionist Organization Aliya Department, on a two week trip to North America to discuss problems of aliya with local Zionist leaders.

**HOME NEWS**

**After town is returned to Egyptians El-Arish workers to be allowed into Israel**

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
 Post Military Correspondent  
 CAIRO. — The inhabitants of El-Arish will in all probability be given free access to work in Israel after the north Sinai town is returned to Egyptian control on May 28. This is one of the details discussed here by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman in talks last night.

It was learned yesterday that the joint Israel-Egyptian committee for overseeing the Sinai pullback will meet at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 29, in Tassa in Sinai. The committee will be headed by Tat Aluf Dov Sion for Israel and by Egyptian Brigadier General Sa'ad Eddin Abu Snab, each of whom will serve as joint commander and share the head of the table.

At the first meeting they will review the committee's mandate and define the tasks for several subcommittees. These will deal with: marking the border; water; electricity; transportation of installations; military government; police; health; education; and check points.

An informed source told The Jerusalem Post that Beduin will be able to move freely from the Egyptian portions of Sinai to those under Israel control, while the committee will still have to decide on regulations for Israeli citizens passing from sector to sector.

The fate of Israeli factories in El-Arish is still unclear, but in general all the major points surrounding the handover to Egypt have been settled.

While El-Arish will be handed over on May 28, the countdown of nine months for the first stage of withdrawal to the El-Arish - Ras Muhammad line through Sinai will begin today with the exchange of the instruments of ratification. As was noted by Weizman at a dinner in his honour given by Egyptian Defence Minister Hassan Ali at an Egyptian officers' club, it begins now.

**Mystery of missing millions has police sleuths defeated**

By YORAM BAR  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter  
 TEL AVIV. — The police have reached a dead end in their investigation of the disappearance of millions of German marks raised by late Union of Local Authorities chief Ze'ev Meijlon, a source at National Police Headquarters told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Meijlon, who died in a road crash in October, was secretary-general of the local government body for 18 years. The source said that since his death, a special police fraud-department unit had been investigating the affair, but so far without success. "We have recently decided to shelve the investigation," the source said.

The affair began about two weeks after Meijlon's death, when a West German citizen contacted the Union of Local Authorities with a strange story. He said that he had donated \$1,000 marks to Meijlon for the purpose of building a youth hostel in Israel. The man produced a receipt for the money, which he had donated a year previously.

It transpired that nobody in the

**Begin said to have thanked Brezhnev for Jews' release**

Prime Minister Menachem Begin reportedly sent a personal message of thanks to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev for releasing from prison five Jews convicted in the Leningrad hijack case.

A spokesman at the Prime Minister's Office refused to comment on the report, which appeared in yesterday's "Yediot Aharonot."

According to the newspaper, the letter was transmitted by an unidentified third party, because Israel and the Soviet Union have no diplomatic relations.

Last week Brezhnev personally granted pardons to the five, convicted in 1970 of attempting to steal a Soviet plane in order to emigrate to Israel.

At the time of the announcement, Begin told family members of the released men in Israel that "there are grounds to believe that the Soviet Union will release all the prisoners of Zion and let them come to Israel."

**Dayan in Thailand en route to Nepal**

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan arrived here yesterday for an overnight stop on his way to Nepal as part of an Asian tour.

The officials said Dayan was not scheduled to meet government leaders before leaving today for Kathmandu.

He will be returning to Thailand for an official visit after going to Nepal and Burma.

**Int'l Book Fair ends with tally slightly down**

By AARON SITNER  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter  
 Exhibitors were dismantling their stands last night as the Jerusalem International Book Fair — one of the most successful so far — closed down after its ninth biennial one-week appearance.

Organizers told The Jerusalem Post that they believed the crowds, although large, were "slightly smaller than those at the last fair (in 1977)." They were hoping the final tally of admission tickets sold will show at least 100,000 visitors.

There were 1,284 publishers, from 55 countries, represented on the 800 stands — which stretched through Binyenei Ha'Ooma's halls and through two temporary extensions erected especially for the event.

Of the 11.5 m. the fair cost to organize, one-third was covered by the sale of admission tickets and stand rentals. The other two-thirds was financed by the Jerusalem Municipality and the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.

In an interview with The Post, fair executive-director Gershon Polak said: "Even if it turns out there were fewer visitors this time, this fair was by far the most fruitful. First, the crowds were pleased with the remarkable book displays. Second, more important deals were concluded among publishers than ever before, and Israel's publishing and printing industries have probably chalked up millions of dollars in new orders."

New York publisher Lyle Stuart found the fair so spectacular that he plans to establish a subsidiary in Israel. This would make him the first major American publisher of general books to open such a unit here.

Price, Stern and Sloan is a Los Angeles publishing house that at the moment has three titles on the best-seller list of "Publishers Weekly." Lawrence Sloan, one of the company's heads, has contracted with an Israeli importer for sale of his firm's complete list, sold the Hebrew rights for some of the titles to three Israeli publishers, and the French rights to a French publisher who was exhibiting at the fair.

De Vries Brouwers of Antwerp not only sold Hebrew rights to Israeli publishers but also placed a large order for book production — typesetting, printing, binding and distribution — with another local firm.

Polak also told The Post that the official Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty document, highly touted as a special attraction and displayed in a glass-covered case, "drew very few visitors."

He complained about the red tape connected with customs duties and VAT that foreign exhibitors had encountered as they brought their merchandise into the country and subsequently took orders from fair visitors.

Polak said: "Several airport customs men just couldn't decide how to treat the books from overseas. Were they dutiable merchandise, commercial samples, or just books? Some shipments were charged with a tariff, while others were not. This caused ill will among the foreign publishers and booksellers. Besides, some of them could understand why they had to pay a wharfage fee on their books, and all of them were astonished to learn that Israel charges a 12 per cent VAT on books in the first place."



Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir (left) leaves the High Court in Jerusalem yesterday after the hearing on the Lagiya Beduin land case. With Zamir is his deputy, Yoram Bar-Sela. (Dan Landau)

**ZAMIR APOLOGIZES**

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 and officials in the ministries of the Interior, Agriculture, Justice, and Construction, and in the Israel Lands Authority for contravening the provisions of the order.

But Interior Minister Yosef Burg and the director-general of his ministry, Haim Kubersky, were yesterday bitterly critical of Zamir over the content of his report — especially those parts relating to the ministry and its employees — as well as of his submission of it to the court.

Burg, who is abroad, was particularly upset by the reports' criticism of the Ministry's representative for the south, Yitzhak Vardimon.

Yesterday the court imposed \$5,000 court costs on the state and ordered that the sum of compensation to be paid to Abu Karen be negotiated by his counsel and the attorney-general.

The court expressed its "deep appreciation" of the attorney-general's work in carrying out a thorough investigation of the episode, in the face of possible pressures being brought to bear by individuals who wished to protect their associates or subordinates from disciplinary proceedings instituted against them as a result of their infringement of the injunction.

The courtroom was crowded for yesterday's hearing, which took place before Supreme Court President Yoel Sussman and Justices Moshe Landau and Meir Shamgar.

Justice Sussman asked Attorney-General Zamir if he had anything to add to the report he submitted on the episode on Monday. Zamir rose and made a statement of his report.

He said the government accepted the terms of the High Court order, and that it would refrain from seeking land owned by Abu Karen as long as no court order to the contrary was granted. The government would bear the court costs, and also pay Abu Karen compensation for the damage caused by the work carried out on his land on April 4.

Zamir stressed that every one of the officials involved in the episode had denied any intention of contravening the court order.

Zamir said he was sure the officials concerned had acted out of a desire to serve the general good, as they saw it, by hastening the completion of setting up a Beduin township on the land involved. But he added that he did not convince they had acted with the proper measure of alertness and care required by the specific circumstances, to avoid breaching the terms of the court order.

Zamir repeated that the Justice Ministry was completely out of the picture and had had no part in the episode, which began to develop when the deputy state attorney failed to phrase accurately an undertaking he wished to submit to the court. The official concerned is regarded as one of the best lawyers in the government service, Zamir said. He had not the slightest doubt that his mistake had been carried out in perfect good faith.

Asked for his comments by the judges after Zamir had finished his statement, Gideon Fener, counsel for Abu Karen, said that the attorney-general's report seemed to him to indicate a measure of sophistry rather than good faith on the part of those involved.

**Equal Service' blocks TA traffic**

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter  
 TEL AVIV. — Some 300 demonstrators for equal national service, accompanied by a convoy of hooded cars, clogged traffic outside the Defence Ministry's offices here yesterday during the late afternoon rush hour.

Police and Border Police jeeps were called to push the crowds off the streets, and four people were arrested for disturbing the peace and demonstrating without a permit.

Hundreds of youngsters bearing posters reading "What price democracy" and "We don't want compulsory religion" had lined both sides of Rehov Kaplan outside the Defence Ministry's offices.

A spokesman for the organization, which is fighting what it calls religious discrimination in the women's draft law, told The Jerusalem Post that there is a danger the government may cancel compulsory national service for women. She noted that the High Court of Justice had given the government four months to solve the problem of women's national service, either by enforcing the 1953 law, which demands universal service, or by new legislation.

One way to "solve" the problem would be to pass the law proposed by MK Dov Shilansky, which would indefinitely postpone implementation of the existing law, thus preventing the court from dealing with the problem. The spokesman said.

She declared that the goal of the organization was to make sure every woman in Israel is called to serve her country, through military or alternate national service.

**Histadrut Council to meet today**

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
 TEL AVIV. — The 88th Histadrut Council will convene today at Kibbutz Shefayim. The 501 delegates, representing all the parties in the Histadrut, will debate proposed changes in the Histadrut's constitution and election procedures.

The Histadrut's Hevrat Ovdim council will discuss eliminating the word "Hebrew" from its name, so that its full name would be the General Cooperative Worker's Company, thus expressing equal participation of Arab workers.

**FIRING IN THE NORTH**

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 western Litani valley, and fired Katyushas at the Kiryat Shmona area and the Gellie panhandle area. The IDF fired back, and his could be easily seen from Israel, witnessed by dozens of Israeli and foreign newsmen and photographers.

At the same time that the first Katyusha was fired — apparently from the Arkoub region — the terrorists also shelled the Lebanese village of Raahaya al-Fukhar, where UNIFIL troops are located. Various other villages in the UN-controlled zone were also shelled, including Shaikra near Kibbutz Manara.

Terrorist fire, including shells and rockets, was aimed at the Christian enclave in southern Lebanon, with Major Sa'ad Haddad's troops returning the fire.

Shells were reported fired at the panhandle last night.

Despite yesterday's heavy firing, traffic flowed normally at the Rosh Haikra Israel-Lebanon border crossing on the Mediterranean for the first time in a week. Some 270 Dutch soldiers serving with UNIFIL crossed into Israel for short holidays.

It was reported from Beirut, meanwhile, that Israeli planes had headed the high command of Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization while missile boats and border artillery bombed and rocketed terrorist strongholds for the fourth straight day in southern Lebanon.

Arafat's command said a "missile boat flotilla" had teamed with border artillery positions in a concerted barrage against terror positions and PLO camps near Ty, 80 km. south of Beirut.

The terrorist-controlled town Nabatiya, 48 km. inland from Ty, also came under heavy artillery bombardment, the PLO reports. The PLO said the Israeli jets did not spread fire from its men a from Syrian troops in Lebanon who streaked over the camps of "panic-spreading mission."

The PLO communiqué from Beirut added that the planes "buzzed terrorist positions and camps along the Mediterranean coastline, southern and northern Lebanon, including Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city. It said the border naval bombardment against Ty and Nabatiya followed the firing "several volleys of Katyusha rockets" by terrorists at north Israel settlements.

Neither Israel nor the PLO reported any casualties, force observers reported. It also was known whether Arafat was in command-compound at the southern outskirts of Beirut when the jets swooped overhead, without being hit.

Lebanese President Elias Sanné reported a meeting of the Lebanese cabinet, at which the deteriorated situation in the South was discussed. Meanwhile at the UN, Lebanon Security Council to discuss the situation in the south of the country.

**WORDING DISPUTE**

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 including President Anwar Sadat himself in Israel. It was only then that Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar for Israel and Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Sa'ad Afta for Egypt were willing to hold the exchange-of-instruments ceremony.

Israel's concern focused on the phrasing of the Egyptian instrument of ratification in its reference to the Sadat-Begin joint letter on autonomy. The Egyptian instrument states that the joint letter gives full autonomy to the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel's legal aide, Dr. Meir Rosenne, saw this and immediately balked. The joint letter, he protested, speaks of "full autonomy to the inhabitants" of the West Bank and Gaza. For Israel, this word "inhabitants" is crucially important, because it implies the Israeli thesis that autonomy will be granted to the people living in Jordan, Samaria and Gaza, but not to the Arabs as such.

Rosenne called the prime minister in Jerusalem — and received from him the most categorical instructions not to accept the Egyptian instrument as it stood, without the keyword "inhabitants."

Israeli sources said later that this passage gone unnoticed at the ceremony, Israel would have insisted on returning the instrument of ratification — under a caveat — if the Egyptian instrument had been worded as such.

Interestingly, though, the passage did pass unnoticed by Israel at the ceremony — not in the text of the ratification instrument, but in Afta's speech. He spoke of "the self-governing authority with full autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip." But, as Israeli sources pointed out later, a speech is not a legally binding document but a political statement.

The Egyptian side, too, raised last-minute concerns before the signing ceremony could take place. These focused on a letter, signed by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, informing Egypt that the Begin-Sadat joint letter on autonomy had been "approved" by the Israel Knesset and Government.

The Dayan letter spoke of "Judea and Samaria," and it specified the Israeli view that autonomy would be granted only to the inhabitants, not to the territories. The Egyptians balked at the somewhat narrow definition of a vague formulation on the terms of autonomy.

The Israeli delegation agreed to make some changes, but it was not clear last night whether these would also be effected by means of an additional letter of "clarification."

The Egyptians were also unhappy with the form of the Dayan letter, in that it spoke of "approval" of the joint letter on autonomy rather than of "ratification."

Unlike Egypt, Israel distinguished in this way between the treaty text, annexes, maps, interpretative letters and letter on exchange-of-ambassadors on the one hand — and the autonomy letter on the other. The treaty and its various appendices were "ratified" by the Knesset and the cabinet, and two instruments of ratification (one for the treaty text, the other for the appendices) were

**Israel speaks to pope about Capu...**

The Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Yoram Bar-Sela, has raised with Pope John Paul II Israel's concern about the activities of convicted PLO field for the Greek Catholic archbishop, who is former head of his Vatican-linked 11,800 church in Jerusalem, was jailed of business after being convicted of using a two-year sentence to smuggle arms and ammunitions through the border for terrorists. He was released from Rosh Haikra prison on an undertaking that he would not be authorized to return to the Middle East and would refrain from aiding the Palestinians or their activities.

However, he has recently gone touring for promoting PLO contacts with the Knesset regime.

Chachanov, who is currently on a visit to Rome and South America, was also understood to have discussed the issues of Jerusalem and Lebanon during his 45-minute pontiff on Jerusalem's Roman Catholic pontiff on Monday.

**Israel speaks to pope about Capu...**

The Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Yoram Bar-Sela, has raised with Pope John Paul II Israel's concern about the activities of convicted PLO field for the Greek Catholic archbishop, who is former head of his Vatican-linked 11,800 church in Jerusalem, was jailed of business after being convicted of using a two-year sentence to smuggle arms and ammunitions through the border for terrorists. He was released from Rosh Haikra prison on an undertaking that he would not be authorized to return to the Middle East and would refrain from aiding the Palestinians or their activities.

However, he has recently gone touring for promoting PLO contacts with the Knesset regime.

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With deep sorrow we announce the death of my dear husband, our father and grandfather

**ARTHUR SMITH**

Wife - Bath  
 Daughters and sons-in-law  
 Sarah and Dov Kitai  
 Erella and Benven Opher  
 grandchildren and all the family

The funeral will take place at 2:35 p.m. today, Thursday, April 27, at the New Cemetery, Shikun Gordon, Rishon LeZion. We shall meet at the Cemetery gate.

Next Monday, April 30, at 4 p.m. we will gather at the graves of our dear ones.

Major ADAM WEILER  
 Major GIBSON WEILER

for the Annual United Memorial Service  
 Military Cemetery at Mount Zion

We meet at the cemetery gate at 2 p.m.

The House of Keren Kayemet LeIsrael mourns the death of

**MYRIAM GRANOTT**

widow of the President of Keren Kayemet.  
 Dr. Avraham Granott and extends deepest condolences to the family

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m., Friday, April 27, 1979, at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem.

The Board of Directors Management and Staff

Israel Lands Administration  
 Notice of Interest Rate Increase on Loans and Debts

1. Interest on Loans for lessees — 36%.  
 By order of the Accountant-General, the interest rate on bank loans recommended by the Authority, has been increased from 35% to 36% from April 1, 1979, for all new transactions from this date.  
 Loans previously authorized by the Authority's Transactions Committee, will be implemented according to the previous interest rate on condition that such implementation be concluded no later than May 31, 1979, or from the date specified on the recommendation form, whichever of the two dates is earlier. Lessees who have been notified by the Authority of approval of the transaction, are requested to apply immediately to the Authority to arrange their payments.  
 Lessees who have already been directed to the various banks for receipt of their loans, are requested to complete the loan transaction forthwith in order to avoid a 3% interest increment.

2. Arrears Interest on debts to the Authority — 38%.  
 Lessees who have not yet repaid their lease debts to the Authority, or have any other debt outstanding, are requested to complete their debt payment forthwith at one of the banks.  
 Lessees without payment vouchers are requested to apply immediately to cashiers at any of the Authority's district offices.  
 By order of the Accountant-General, the arrears interest rate on debts was raised from 35% to 38% from April 1, 1979.  
 Nevertheless, the Israel Lands Authority has made it possible for debt holders to make debt repayment at an interest rate of 35% only until May 31, 1979.

# Nidam gets 'shortened' 10 years for terror plot



Yosef (Jo-Jo) Nidam is led from the Jerusalem District Court yesterday after being sentenced to 10 years in prison for smuggling arms to terrorists.

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Yosef "Jo-Jo" Nidam, convicted last week of smuggling arms, explosives and drugs for two PLO Fatah terrorists, was yesterday sentenced by the Jerusalem District Court to 10 years in prison.

Judge Eliahu Noam sentenced Nidam, a 32-year-old ex-convict from Bat Yam, to 10 years for smuggling arms and explosives and conspiring with the Fatah cell, and to five years for smuggling 10 kg. of hashish across the Lebanese border.

But in view of Nidam's cooperation with the security authorities in rolling a PLO attempt to bomb Jerusalem's cinema district, there were grounds for reducing the sentence," the judge explained. He ruled that Nidam may serve the two terms concurrently, but ordered that Nidam remain in prison for the full 10 years — starting from October 5, 1975, when he was first taken into custody.

# Police find key to thefts of cash from J'lem hotel safe

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Thefts over the past two years at the Holyland Hotel of up to IL450,000 in Israeli and foreign currency have been apparently solved by a high-powered Jerusalem police task force, police said yesterday, with the arrest of several hotel employees, including receptionists.

The money was put by the hotel guests in sealed envelopes for safekeeping in the hotel safe. However, the suspects "who will soon be brought to trial," reportedly extracted "clues" from the envelopes. Led by Captain Abraham Amalei, the task force of 20 detectives says it has solved about 120 cases of break-ins into flats and thefts from construction sites over the past three weeks. More than IL200,000 worth of stolen property, mostly in electrical goods and in building material and equipment, have been recovered, police say.

# Radio report of a 2nd earthquake was false

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The announcement of another earthquake broadcast over the army radio yesterday was a false alarm. Eli Arish, head of the ministry of Energy's seismographic station, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

"They had no grounds for broadcasting such an announcement. Someone called them, probably for a house. But there are no data to bear up the report," Arish said.

# Fine upheld for Tisha Be'Av breach

TEL AVIV (Him). — A restaurant owner who was fined IL4,000 for not butting his place of business on the eve of Tisha Be'Av two years ago lost his appeal in the District Court here yesterday.

The restaurateur, Ron Lapid, contended that the Tel Aviv Municipality had no authority to issue or enforce a by-law relating to the closure of restaurants on the eve of the day of mourning for the destruction of the Temple, because

# Flem Orthodox protest against sports stadium

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Several thousand ultra-orthodox residents of Jerusalem's Me'a Shearim quarter gathered in the courtyard of Batei Warsaw yesterday in a demonstration against the sports stadium being built at Hu'afat in northern Jerusalem. Earth-moving work has already begun at the site, which is nearly opposite the bulk of the capital's religious neighbourhoods.

Heads of yeshivot and other speakers said the stadium would destroy the sabbath peace of the

# J. Flem electric co. seeks Jordan's aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The board of the Arab-owned Jerusalem District Electricity Corporation decided yesterday to send a delegation to Jordan tomorrow in another attempt to raise money to pay debts of some IL50m. to the Israel Electricity Corporation (IEC) and other creditors.

# Moslem committee established in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — A Moslem Consultative Committee was set up here yesterday, made up of 11 public figures representing the various sectors of political opinion in the Moslem community.

# Norway official says no oil to Israel

KUWAIT (AP). — Norway's Petroleum and Energy Minister Bjartmar Gjerde said on arrival here yesterday that his country had decided against selling oil from its North Sea wells to Israel.

# More strikes, disputes predicted

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — A new spate of labour disputes and strikes may be expected over the next few months unless the government and the Histadrut make a more serious effort at co-existence, Reuben Kaminitz, of the Manufacturers Association, told a symposium on labour relations here yesterday.

# Arkia still grounded with no end in sight

Post Aviation Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The forced grounding of Arkia airlines went into its fifth day today, with employees refusing to operate the inland airline until their demands for a clarification of the company's future are met.

# Druse pray through the night at shrine

By JOAN BORTEN Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TIBERIAS. — Hundreds of religious male Druse from Galilee, the Golan Heights, and Southern Lebanon prayed through the night and into the early hours of this morning at the tomb of their foremost prophet, Jehro, the father-in-law of Moses.

# Earth opened and swallowed TA child

TEL AVIV (Him). — "Suddenly the ground opened up and my son disappeared," a Tel Aviv resident told reporters yesterday.

# Israeli visits grave of daughter in Egypt

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
CAIRO. — The plane which brought Defence Minister Ezer Weizman to Cairo yesterday also carried 76-year-old Sara Levavi, at Kibutz Merhaviv, who had received last-minute permission to come to Egypt to lay a wreath on the grave of her daughter.

# Kollek's life threatened by anonymous caller

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday received a threat to his life from an anonymous caller.

# Relax over Judean lounge

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# Bar-Lev charges Likud offered 'false' affidavits in Beit Shean poll complaint

TEL AVIV (Him). — Labour Party secretary general Haim Bar-Lev sharply attacked Construction, Housing and Immigrant Absorption Minister David Levy yesterday, intimating that Levy must have known about "false testimony" given in affidavits disputing the results of the last Beit She'an municipal elections.

# Colour on TV for Independence Day

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Israel TV's major programmes for Independence Day next week will be broadcast in colour for the first time, following approval by Acting Communications Minister Meir Nissim.

# Youth Bible quiz contestants in training

By MARY HIRSCHFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — "The People of Israel and Its Land" is the theme of this year's International Youth Bible Quiz.

total prize fund IL11,732,000 first prize IL2,000,000 mifal hapayis

# Syria denies Cairo sabotage charges

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — Syria yesterday denied Egyptian accusations that it was behind sabotage operations in Egypt, saying the charge was a plot by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to distract attention from opposition in his country.

# Yadin calls for implementation of electoral reform

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin said yesterday that he is actively pursuing his party's pledge to achieve electoral reform.

# Abie wants to take peace trip to Syria

BEN GURION AIRPORT. — "Peace sailor" Abie Nathan flew to the U.S. yesterday to enlist senatorial support for his bid to bring a private peace initiative to Damascus.

## Air France Vacances.

AN EXCLUSIVE FEATURE

WHERE TO?	HOW MUCH	WHEN	HOW
PARIS NICE LYONS and back	Thanks to increased number of seats and simplified service, fares will be very cheap. See below!	As of June 1 daily with AIRBUS Jumbo Jet.	Tickets must be purchased at time of reservation (please note that you will be charged 20% of the fare for any change thereafter, up to a maximum of FF250).
Destination	Round Trip Fare*	Frequency	Validity
PARIS	IL8389 June-Sept.-Oct. IL8649 July-August	Daily as of June 1	Minimum 6 days Maximum one month
NICE	IL8129 June-Sept.-Oct. IL8389 July-August	Every Friday as of June 8	Minimum 6 days Maximum one month
LYONS	IL8129 June-Sept.-Oct. IL8389 July-August	Every Tues., Sat. as of June 5	Minimum 6 days Maximum one month

\*Based on bank rates, 31.4.79

AIR FRANCE

SMITH

Relax over Judean lounge coffee & cake

Carter supports SALT II 'U.S. can detect Soviet cheating'

NEW YORK (Reuter). — President Jimmy Carter told opponents of a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty yesterday that the U.S. had the ability to detect any Soviet cheating in time to protect its security.

The ability of the U.S. to detect cheating. The president also resisted demands that SALT be linked with a promise of good behaviour by the Russians in other areas.

Carter picks tough Texas lawyer for autonomy talks Strauss 'has lot of learning to do'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Robert Strauss, President Jimmy Carter's choice to represent the U.S. in negotiations over the autonomy arrangement in the territories, is a tough-talking Texas lawyer with a colourful career behind him.

dent offered him the job of special trade representative. To make sure he got the message, Strauss relates, he then received a call from powerful Georgia Senator Herman Talmadge, who "more or less told me, in his polite Southern way, that if I didn't take the job he'd run me out of town."



U.S. President Jimmy Carter, left, and Elie Wiesel, chairman of the president's commission on the Holocaust, watch as Cantor Isaac Goodfriend (centre) and former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg (right) light a memorial in Washington during Tuesday's ceremony in remembrance of Holocaust victims.

Genocide treaty still lingers unratified in U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON (AP). — Three thousand times or more since the beginning of 1947 U.S. Senator William Proxmire, Democrat of Wisconsin, has taken the Senate floor to appeal for ratification of a 30-year-old treaty aimed at preventing the crime of genocide.

One week to go: Tory lead erodes

LONDON (AP). — Margaret Thatcher's hopes of becoming Britain's first woman prime minister in the May 3 general election dimmed yesterday as opinion polls showed her Conservative Party's lead over Labour steadily dwindling.

Tories 46 per cent, Labour 40 and the middle-of-the-road Liberals 11. A Gallup Poll in "The Daily Telegraph" pegged the Tory lead at 5 per cent. The poll, conducted on April 19-21, gave the Conservatives 46.5 per cent, Labour 42 and the Liberals 10. Gallup gave the Tories a 14.5 per cent lead in mid-March.

150 corpses in streets after Iran tribal clash

TEHRAN. — The battle-scarred tribal city of Nagadeh in western Iran's Kurdistan province was getting back to business yesterday after a combined force of soldiers, police and revolutionaries moved in to quash tribal fighting that raged for four days.

RHODESIA BLAST

(Continued from page one) Within hours of his victory, Muzorewa appealed to Britain to lead the way to recognizing the new Rhodesian reality.

Amin soldiers killed by their own mines

NAIROBI. — Land-mine explosions killed or wounded hundreds of Ugandan soldiers loyal to ousted dictator Idi Amin as they tried to escape advancing Tanzanian columns, Kenyan newspapers said yesterday.

Prices, crime make Arabs shun London

LONDON (UPI). — Arab travellers from the oil-rich Gulf states are deserting London in favour of other European destinations, top agencies handling incoming Arabs said yesterday.

NY tunnel may hold 60 gangland victims

NEW YORK (AP). — An abandoned railway tunnel in the New York borough of Manhattan may be organized as a crime scene private graveyard for 60 of its victims, it was reported yesterday.

Armenians vow to liberate homeland

ATHENS (AP). — The Armenian community in Greece yesterday accused Turkey of trying to cover up the 1915 genocide of Armenians, and pledged to continue its campaign to liberate the part of the original Armenian homeland "under Turkish occupation."

Ringo Starr 'looks death in the face'

LONDON (AP). — Ex-Beatle Ringo Starr says he nearly died when he collapsed in his Monte Carlo home two weeks ago and later underwent surgery to remove part of his intestines.

Soviets deny newsman was doped

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday that Robin Knight, the correspondent who western diplomats complained was drugged in Tashkent last week, had drunk too much vodka, broke dishes, insulted waiters and then invented a story about the attempted rape of his wife.

IRA guns down part-time soldier

BELFAST (AP). — Police said a dairyman who was a part-time member of the mainly Protestant Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead near Omagh, County Tyrone, yesterday morning. The IRA later claimed responsibility.

Portugal marks fifth year of democracy

LISBON (AP). — Portugal yesterday celebrated the fifth anniversary of its liberation from half a century of fascist dictatorship with a day of street parades and a vote in favour of President Antonio Ramalho Eanes that soldiers still portray continue to leave the running of the country to the politicians.

ZOA HOUSE Institute of Israel Studies. Three debate sessions in the fourth seminar: Law in Israel, Human Rights and Individual Freedom, A Written Constitution for Israel — Pros and Cons.

CUBANS. — The Cuban national track team will compete in the UCLA in Los Angeles Invitational Meet on May 6, marking the first appearance of the Cuban team in the U.S. since the two countries severed diplomatic relationships in 1961.

Omany Fondue Restaurant Bar. Every Friday Happy Hour from 1 — 4 p.m. Open daily from 8 p.m. 336 Rehov Dizengoff, Tel Aviv.

You Win with CP Air to Canada. Our new APEX fares together with our well known FLY NOW PAY LATER plan and the favorable rates of exchange of the Canadian dollar, bring Canada so much nearer to you. Interest is only 10% and since it is calculated on the outstanding balance the interest amounts in fact to about 5%.

Spring Festival Special Events Around the Country. "Concerto" Clowns happening in song and movement. Haifa, Auditorium. Beerabeha, Beit Ha'am. Mike Westbrook Brass Band. Elin Gev ("Mama Chicago"), Haifa ("Mama Chicago"), Beerabeha, Kfar Saba ("Goose Sauce"), Helchal Hatartut, Elin Hahofet ("Mama Chicago").

הקדמה לתהליך

Focus

SINO-SOVIET CLASH LOOMING

By JAMES YOUNG in Hong Kong

ALTHOUGH a full-scale Soviet attack on northern China is considered to be out of the question at present, the possibility of a limited Russian military operation against vulnerable Sinkiang province cannot be ruled out.

It is, however, underpopulated and defended mainly by border guards and militia who are based in agricultural settlements, with the main regular army force stationed much further inland from the frontier.

Chinese Communist Party in 1949. After the fall of the Gang of Four, he was removed from his post as first secretary of the Sinkiang party at the beginning of 1978, when one of the charges made against him was that he had "worked hand in glove with the Russians."

Uighurs, who are one of China's numerous national minorities. They are Moslems, like the inhabitants of Kazakhstan across the border, and for decades Moscow has conducted a propaganda war intended to prise them away from their loyalty to the central authorities.

Under his successor, Wang Feng, the Sinkiang party and the Uighur leadership has been purged of 174 pro-Soviet elements and the Uighurs have reaffirmed their adherence to Peking. Meanwhile, the Russians continue to broadcast their Uighur service from Tashkent inciting the Uighurs "to rise against the despotic rule of Peking."

Lin Furhen, who is in charge of Sino-Soviet issues at the foreign affairs office in Urumchi, claimed that there is all the difference in the world between history, which is essentially what the Pentagon papers were, and an H-bomb recipe, which, even if it didn't lead to terrorist organizations cooking up their own nuclear arsenals, might significantly accelerate the spread of thermonuclear technology.

Vietnamese conflict with the appointment of senior army commander Li Deabeng to assume overall responsibility for the 4,000-km. frontier with the Soviet Union. Li's appointment came only three days after a Soviet government statement responding to Hanoi's appeal for "international solidarity and support."



Warren Burger... exercising rights responsibly.

SINCE Watergate and the unsealing of President Nixon, the American press — long proud of its constitutional privileges — has acknowledged no bounds. Investigative journalism flourishes, public figures, however obscure, are fair game, and God help anyone who tries to come between a newspaper and its readers' inviolate right to know.

This apparent departure from principle is motivated by prudence, because, without having seen the controversial article, the big papers are convinced that here at last is a case the government can win, enshrining in case law the concept that some articles are legitimately subject to "prior restraint."

which it would be hard to take issue, and has set much of the tone for the public debate now raging round the issue, which may in the end go all the way to the Supreme Court.

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LAWYERS point out that the government also has a specific law under which to seek the injunction — the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, although it has also included in its suit the more arguable concept of the president's "inherent constitutional power... to protect the nation against the publication of information whose disclosure would endanger the national security of the U.S."

There, for the moment, the matter rests. Knoll wants to send the article to Press on March 26, which hardly gives time for thrashing out all the potential First Amendment principles at stake. However, as one legal wag here put it, at least that date was not soon enough to save Idi Amin. (OFPS)

War of words over H-bomb

By ROBERT CHESHYRE in Washington

PARISIAN RIOT-MAKERS

By JACK MAURICE/Post Paris Correspondent

WHEN TENS of thousands of French steel workers marched on Paris recently to protest plans to close the blast furnaces, their peaceful demonstration made surprisingly little impact on public opinion.



Young rioter smashes restaurant windows near Place de l'Opera after steel workers' march.

INTERVIEWED at his "squat" in a decaying north Paris tenement, a 25-year Autonomist said: "We have adopted a strategy of small-scale violence. Saint-Lazare and the Opera are typical examples. These strike the public imagination. They are much more effective than distributing pamphlets."

Saturday night — without fever

By SETH MYDANS in Moscow

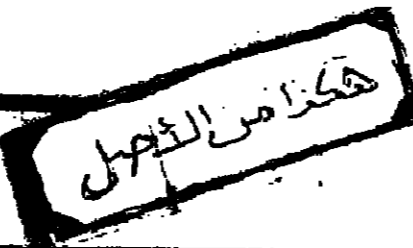
RAP on a tiny window and knowing the secret password get you through the door of Moscow's Blue Bird Cafe — the city's only discotheque.

enough, it is clear that most of those here are the children of the privileged. They dance with each other, fight with each other, whistle and wave to each other from table to table.

filled with foreign liquor bottles. The Blue Bird serves only Russian vodka and champagne. "This is the most popular place for young people," Bobik says. "You can dance here, everybody is here."

Advertisement for Austrian Airlines Holidays 1979. Features a man in a hat playing a trumpet. Text includes: 'THE HIT OF THE YEAR — HOLIDAYS IN AUSTRIA!', 'Summer Resorts', 'City Holidays', 'Health Resorts', 'Tours', and 'A detailed booklet available at all travel agencies. AUSTRIAN AIRLINES'.





Context

**IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS**  
 Before the President (Justice Sussman), Justices Kahn and Eilon. Fajar Salah Raabi, Appellant, v. Salma Yusuf Raabi, Respondent (C.A. 77/77).

THE Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on December 29, 1976 (in C.A. 600/75).

The appellant and the respondent, who are both Moslems, were married and lived harmoniously together for 30 years, until the appellant divorced the respondent against her will, in the Sharia Court, because they had no children. Although this unilateral divorce constituted a criminal offence under the Women's Equal Rights Law, it was nevertheless valid.

The respondent later applied to the Tel Aviv District Court for a declaratory judgment to the effect that she was the owner of half the apartment in the family house in Jaffa, in which the couple had lived before the divorce and from which she had been ejected by her husband thereafter. The District Court held that she was entitled to

half the value of the apartment, excluding the value of the land on which the apartment building stands, basing its decision on Supreme Court precedents concerning married couples' equal rights to property acquired during the course of marriage.

In the appeal against this decision, Mr. R. Sharon appeared for the appellant and Mr. S.A. Tuwrik for the respondent.

**JUDGMENT**

JUSTICE KAHN, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, the President and Justice Eilon concurring, considered the argument that the District Court had no jurisdiction to consider the marriage and divorce and, therefore, came within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Moslem Sharia Court.

In dismissing it, he held that the claim of a half share in the apartment could not be classified as a matter of inheritance and divorce since it was based on the Supreme Court ruling concerning married couples' joint ownership of property which, in turn, is based on the presumption that there is an implied agreement

between two people who live together to pool their resources. In other words, he continued, the respondent had not claimed half of the apartment because of the marriage relationship or because of the fact that he had divorced her, but based her claim on the intention of the couple, either expressed or implied by their conduct, to share their property.

Since, Justice Kahn continued, there was proof to the effect that the couple had lived amicably together for a long period of time, and that the respondent had contributed towards the upkeep of the family and their acquisition of property by managing the household and by working as a seamstress, it could be presumed that there was an implied intention that their property acquired after

their marriage should belong equally to both of them (see C.A. 283/65, 1 P.D. 30/589).

HOWEVER, he continued, the appellant's counsel had argued that while such a presumption might be justified if the couple was Jewish, there was no room for applying the rule concerning community of property to an Arab couple such as the appellant and respondent. For they belong to a rural Arab community whose social background and financial relationships differ radically from those of the Jewish community, on the basis of whose customs and practices the Supreme Court rule concerning community of property had developed.

Furthermore, in accordance with the appellant's counsel, property in a

rural Arab community is preserved in the father's family and if the principle of division of property between husband and wife were to be applied in such a community it would undermine this custom and prejudice the rights of members of the family.

In dismissing these arguments, Justice Kahn held that he agreed with the District Court judge that in the absence of any justification for distinguishing between the attitude of a Jewish couple and that of a Moslem couple to rights in property acquired after marriage.

Furthermore, the District Court had stressed, on the basis of a recent study conducted by I. Miron on the subject of Moslem couples' property rights (see *Yisrael Mishpat*, 3:379),

that according to Moslem law a Moslem woman has the same capacity to acquire and possess property as her husband, and that marriage as such does not prejudice the rights to property of either one of a married couple. The District Court had concluded, continued Justice Kahn, that the concept of community of property, rather than separation of property, was more consistent with modern developments even in rural Arab villages, since the introduction of monogamy by the Women's Equal Rights Law and the economic progress which had been made, and that it was, therefore, perfectly justified to apply norms which respected the contribution made by the wife towards the acquisition of family property.

Justice Kahn said he could only subscribe to this and conclude that in the absence of any evidence as to the existence of a different mentality amongst couples whose disputes come before the courts, it is only met to apply the same rule to every ordinary Israeli couple irrespective of religion; that is, the rule that community of property must be assumed to give the implied intention of a

married couple, which rule, incidentally, had also served as the basis for decisions in District courts (see H.C. 406/73, 1 P.D. 27/481).

IN THE case under consideration, concluded Justice Kahn, the appellant and respondent had spent the whole of their married life in Israel and it would be difficult to believe that they had not been influenced to some extent by the fact that women enjoy equal rights under Israeli law.

This was particularly so in view of the fact that the appellant belongs to the intellectual class of Arab society and had not been shut up all his life within the confines of a backward village.

Insofar as the division of family property is concerned, he added, this might have raised a problem were it not for the fact that the District Court had not granted the respondent any rights to the land on which the apartment building stands, but had merely awarded her a sum of money equivalent to half the value of the apartment she had shared with her husband.

Appeal dismissed with ILS,000 costs. Judgment given on March 1, 1978.

# Arab women's rights

LAW REPORT/Doris Lanckin

# COCKNEY COMEDIAN

CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

actor, comedian and broadcaster Alfred Marks, who has been appearing here in the lead role in the British Council production of "Habash Corpus," has been highly active in British show business for the past 30 years.

"A London cabbie once said to me, 'It seems that you've always been around' - and I consider that a great compliment," he says. "Journalists tend to be disappointed when I tell them I never starved. I have also never been an overnight success. My career has been a gradual climb, a graph which never stopped.

Grown in Holborn, Alfred Marks grew up in Petticoat Lane, in the heart of the East End, and was destined to be a true cockney. His parents were Jewish immigrants from France, and he says that until he was three he spoke only Yiddish and French, and thought all other kids were foreigners.

His fondest childhood memories, and his first experience of theatre, were his visits to the then-thriving East End Yiddish theatre. His one-

man comedy revue always includes a lot of what he calls "Jewish routines," and he is soon to play Teyve in a West End production of "Fiddler on the Roof." But he says he has always "avoided like the plague" playing Jewish characters on TV and stage.

"Normally they are caricatures with Yiddish accents and big cigars, and I find that very distasteful. I was once asked to play Shylock, and told that I would have to wear a false nose. I told them 'I'm Jewish myself, and so is my nose.' We had a large disagreement and I bowed out of the job. I felt the attitude to the nose was indicative of the whole view of the production: if they saw Shylock as a man with a big nose, they had the wrong ideas."

HE SAYS HE has never waited for the play, or the musical, but has

always been open to a wide variety of jobs. He had his own series on BBC television "Don't Look Now" as early as 1948. His "Alfred Marks Time," the forerunner of many of today's satire shows, ran for six years in the early days of Independent Television. He has starred in numerous television plays and series in musicals, as quiz master, panelist and as emcee of "Sunday Night at the London Palladium."

Marks has also made many films, and appeared on the West End stage in musicals, straight plays and even pantomime.

"God has been good to me," he says, "and given me many talents." He has never appeared in opera,

although his earliest professional training was as an opera singer at the Milan Conservatory. He thinks he must be the only man to have been trained in opera at the British Air Ministry's expense.

In 1945, he was demobbed from the RAF in Italy, and invited to join the Educational Vocational Training scheme. "I had been entertaining since I was seven, at Jewish Lads Brigade concerts, parties, and as a boy soprano in the choir of the Great Synagogue in Duke's Place. I always knew I wanted to go into the theatre - though not how.

"When I told the officer who interviewed me for the vocational training scheme that I wanted to be an opera singer, he just thought I was being cheeky - I also thought I had quite a hutzpa! Nonetheless, he sent through a signal to London, and the reply came back that they would give me a year's grant to the Milan Conservatory."

BACK IN London in 1946 after five years' absence, things looked bleak for the unknown, newly trained opera singer. He hung around the right cafes, did the round of all the agents, and became desperate.

"As an East End boy, I knew all the London villains and crooks. I contacted the Dockland mafia, and purchased a forged seaman's book for £2, claiming I was a first-class steward. I planned to get a job aboard a liner from Southampton to New York, and jump ship once I got there."

As fate would have it, a few days before his planned departure he was auditioned for a revue at the Windmill Theatre, taken on for six weeks, and kept on for two years.

"I was unshaven, the 13th coming of Steve Jobs, and I was the only one who knew I was being cheezy - I also thought I had quite a hutzpa! Nonetheless, he sent through a signal to London, and the reply came back that they would



Alfred Marks...a gradual climb.

# An elevating event

MUSIC REVIEWS

more enjoyable its sonority. After these quasi silent passages the fortissimo thundered with overwhelming force across the hall, and the a-cappella passages emerged as pure and clear as one could imagine.

The two soloists sang with great decorum and never exceeded the tasks allotted to them within the overall scheme. Rarely did we hear such a perfect balance between choir and orchestra. What else could one hope for? It was a performance, which, actually, transcended all material things.

**BENJAMIN BAR-AM**

**HALFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.** Subscription Concert No. 4, Dan Vogel, conductor; Genevieve Chauveau, piano; (Bath Music Centre, April 16). Program: Symphony No. 35 in D Major, K. 564 "Fragor"; Massel De Falla: "The Three-Cornered Hat" Suite; Brahms: Concerto No. 1 for Piano and Orchestra in D Minor, Op. 15.

IT SEEMS that the rather ambitious project of preparing two parallel programmes - one for the Spring Festival at Ein Gev and another one

for this subscription concert was only partly successful.

With the exception of Falla's popular music, previously performed in Ein Gev and given a vivid rendering that revealed the composition's special orchestral colour, the lack of adequate preparation was felt in a number of areas.

There were not only inaccuracies, faulty intonations and entries, but also lack of synchronization at ensemble and lack of adequate orchestral balance.

The "Prague," particularly the first two movements, was quite disappointing. The Presto was somewhat better, but the performance lacked elegance and inspired expression.

Young Genevieve Chauveau, guest pianist from France, chose to play the Brahms Concerto, in which the piano as a part of the orchestra, makes no concessions to virtuosity. Her tone, technique, phrasing and in-

and in comparison to Mordkovitch's countless imitations, much too straightforward and simple.

Because of this, we were particularly glad to hear: the Violinist in a solo piece; the premiere of Ami Ma'ayan's sonata, commissioned by the Tel Aviv Foundation of Literature and Art, especially for Mordkovitch.

In the first movement Ma'ayan creates a remarkable affinity with the characteristic sounds of the rebab, the near-eastern violin. A central monotonous tone (played without vibrato) is surrounded by embellishments.

Some of these clouds are played as harmonies, which again create an outspokenly oriental effect. The quick, immensely difficult second movement follows the mood and language of the first.

The third movement is meditative and sounds more Western, while the last seems, as already stated, an anticlimax. It is toccatelli, using some outworn modal melodic pattern. Yet despite this somewhat disappointing finale the sonata must be regarded as an excellent piece greatly enriching our violin literature.

**BENJAMIN BAR-AM**



Everyone who visits the beach has a dabble. But Dalit Millerreich, 9, of Ashkelon, is an expert. And her skill has paid off: Today, Dalit - with five other young Israelis - is travelling to Acapulco, Mexico, to participate in an international sand-sculpting contest. The contest is part of the International Year of the Child programme. Dalit is pictured above in training for the Mexico competition.

# WRITERS' COMPLAINTS

WRITERS AND READERS  
 Brava Shapiro

political turmoil. Before the Party imposed its organizational mark, there was Mapou, the novelist who urged the ghetto youths to espouse the dream of a normal life, as in the independent Zion. Mendele, too, made his *shetl* readers revolt against the way of life into which they were born. And there was Bialik, the bard, who, with a standard call, appealed to the people to regain their national pride.

Such writers were not mere harbingers of the political age - they were the magicians who brought the political practitioners into being.

THE POLITICIANS, spurred by the creative writers' dreams, directed their efforts at creating a New Social Order, a New Man.

That was true of labour, revisionist and religious alike. The present-day politician is more concerned with cost-of-living allowances than with ideas, says Meged.

The politician has acquired his hold on the creative artist simply by being the publishers. The major publishing establishments, except "Dvir," "Masada" and "Shochan," are run by political organizations. And without a publisher, the writer is "impotent." The Hebrew writer, generally,

accepts these facts of life with understanding. The divisions in the Writers' Union, a non-partisan body which encompasses all authors with two books to their credit, are political, little related to literary theories or fads.

Left-winger Shlonaky, though he seldom expressed his loyalties in his strictly lyrical oeuvre, fought Bialik and his fellow traditionalists, Yisrael Cohen, in the post-Bialik generation staunchly defended the union, which he directed for many years, against encroachments by internationalists.

Two years ago the fight raged about opening the union to writers generally. In fact, it was about the admission in the union of Arabs. Cohen won, and the Hebrew

Writers' Union restricted admission to those writing in Hebrew. Arabs writing in Hebrew could, of course, join if they wished, but nobody was enthusiastic about this.

Groups identified by the language of writing were created parallel to the Hebrew writers and all were combined under the aegis of the Israel Writers Association. Some opposition members withdrew from the Hebrew Union in protest, but their defection did not amount to a revolt.

THE HEBREW writer is hardly an entertainer. He states his goal rather bluntly, without the *accoutrements* of a fable. Perhaps the times of story-telling are passed in a society where writers are free to state their ideas openly.

Our time is the age of the fact-gathering journalist. The need for fiction has passed. Only Agnon, who lived in his own past, was the exception to this rule.

# TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

**CRIPTIC CLUES**

1. A colloquial old fossil (5)  
 2. Struggle to get the right rhyme (5)  
 3. Encourage her to bet? (7)  
 4. Look, the lagger's upset! (8)  
 5. Possibly the first assura (5)  
 6. They may be dropped (5)  
 7. Clue is in (7)  
 8. Place in some disparate! (3)  
 9. She may be hale (4)  
 10. The detective who may bustle around? (8)  
 11. Do the conscientious thing at lunch time, maybe (5)  
 12. It's in time for a proverb! (6)  
 13. Name for Don (4)  
 14. Is obliged to be the owner? (3)  
 15. They are written (7)  
 16. Bob goes to a lecture with cartoon character in orbit? (8)  
 17. Fond of the loquacious (5)  
 18. He has one name in the garden (7)  
 19. She'll storm (5)  
 20. She's in bed 'I think (6)

**DOWN**

1. A thoroughly modern girl? (8)  
 2. As a cricket star he's most famous (7)  
 3. Animal on toast? (3)  
 4. She got the bird (5)  
 5. Can't get the word (7)  
 6. A growing girl (4)  
 7. He's aggressive (3, 5)  
 8. As a politician, he may change his hat (6)  
 9. It's more than lush and smooth (5)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

**STRAIGHTFORWARD CLUES**

**ACROSS**

1. Narmans (6)  
 4. Child (5)  
 8. Tool (4-3)  
 9. Weibachman  
 11. Scot (5)  
 12. Pithy (5)  
 13. Fruit (7)  
 14. Virtue (8)  
 17. One (4)  
 18. Genial (8)  
 19. Grown (5)  
 20. Plant (6)  
 21. Quote (5)  
 22. Barbara (4)  
 25. Argued (7)  
 26. Fruit (7)  
 27. "Harris" (6)  
 28. Omniscient (8)  
 29. Speech (7)  
 30. Throng (5)  
 31. Greek letter (5)

**DOWN**

2. Intensity (6)  
 3. Try (6)  
 5. Smag (5)  
 6. Defence (7)  
 7. Absent (4)  
 10. The mass (5, 3)  
 15. Measures (out) (5)  
 16. Group (5)  
 18. Tower (5)  
 19. Live equitatively (5)  
 23. Worked at (5)  
 24. Harris (5)  
 25. Profundity (5)  
 26. Patch (4)  
 28. Feck (3)

**Yesterday's Easy Solution**

**ACROSS** - 4. Albatross, 7. Hell-days & trends, 10. Pops, 12. Pity, 14. Pitts, 15. Burt, 16. Ply, 17. Lamin, 18. Oboe, 21. Fitzhugh, 22. Lamp, 24. Pines, 25. Sack, 28. Egg, 29. Opel, 30. Bacon, 31. Smile, 34. Berke, 35. Neaprice, 38. Ardent.

**DOWN** - 1. Sharp, 2. Blast, 3. Adda, 4. Astr, 5. Lead, 6. Saddle, 9. Reform, 11. Ann, 12. Puntin, 13. Punters, 14. Eel, 15. Felt, 16. Rept, 18. Liter, 20. Secm, 21. Secm, 22. Liter, 23. Secm, 24. Agest, 30. Piles, 31. Leash, 32. Pile, 33. Sorc.

**Yesterday's Cryptic Solution**

**ACROSS** - 1. Lun-se, 7. Valhalla, 8. Scotch, 10. C-Box, 12. Week, 14. Teax, 15. Barr, 16. Tass, 17. L-O-n-heart, 23. Se-N-A, 24. Orbis(Bros), 25. Megaphone, 27. To-ar, 29. On-se, 31. M-craz, 32. Spare, 34. Pj-pcrs, 35. Ircan, 38. Blades.

**DOWN** - 1. Elicet, 2. Albon, 3. Lave, 4. Lacer, 5. New-OK, 6. Exorant, 7. Cump-AE, 11. L-O, 12. Gr-O-in, 13. Washout, 15. Sun, 16. Oct, 18. Peltier, 19. Arsen, 21. Leg, 22. Ekt, 23. Nardia, 25. Fat, 28. O-as-s, 30. Nerd, 31. Seals, 32. Men-D, 33. Song.

# SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

# Pockmarked script

**CINEMA REVIEWS**

**DIRECTOR John Avildsen** has tried to make another "Rocky" - the film which won several Academy Awards two years ago and skyrocketed "dark horse" Sylvester Stallone to fame and a six-figure income. But "Slow Dancing in the Big City" - despite a bravura performance by leading man Paul Sorvino and memorable dancing by Canadian ballerina Anne Ditchburn - is not of "Rocky's" calibre.

"Rocky" was believable from start to finish because Stallone never begged for laughs or sympathy. He worked hard and endeared himself to the audience solely by the merit of his performance and by the integrity of a tight, flawless screenplay, which he wrote.

But Barra Grant's script in "Slow Dancing," though it sprints well in the opening sequences, is pockmarked throughout with what can only be called writer's narcissism, better known as being clever for cleverness's sake.

Trying to depict the seamy undercity of that great colossus, New York City (it's quite an undertaking to compete with Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver"), Grant has tackled on innumerable scenes of local colour, including the inevitable jive-talking black aging senior citizens ("Harry and Tomto" did it much better), and angry Puerto Rican dope pushers who either hate whites or are diamonds-in-the-rough waiting to be discovered.

These scenes are so self-consciously introduced as to detract from the story, and the hip dialogue only succeeds in recalling the famous slogan of Avis Rent-A-Car: "We try harder."

ALL THIS SAID, one cannot ignore the emotional content of the story, which director Avildsen has successfully manipulated to wring hearts and moisten eyes. Lou Friedlander (Paul Sorvino), a well-known news columnist who writes human interest features for the "New York News", is a man who still cares about people in a city infamous for its indifference to suffering.

He falls in love with Sarah Gantz (Anne Ditchburn), a gamine-faced ballerina who on the eve of her debut discovers she must undergo an operation which will force her to give up dancing forever.

Pitching hard to win over Sarah's affections, Lou is also trying to disentangle himself from a venerable leading-novelist with a repellent redhead named "Dimples," a middle-aged bar waitress who shares Lou's bed every Wednesday night, and who deserves special mention as the most believable character in the whole film.

In a crescendo finale that Avildsen orchestrates deftly to a Rocky-like finish, triumphant and bittersweet, writer Barra Grant defends his much-abused New York City. His message is unmistakable: Even in the shadows and gloom of the great

A totally unbelievable story replete with truly bad acting, and hackneyed dialogue out of a Victorian morality play, this movie should have remained in the womb.

**LA XIZANIE:** Starring Louis De Funès and Annie Girardot. Directed by Claude Zeln.

"XIZANIE" in everyday French means something akin to the Hebrew word "balagan" and is a fitting title since this film is a mess.

Louis De Funès stars as a senile old man who happens to be something of a genius. He invents one machine that both makes and crees pollution and another that fleeces sheep and knits multi-coloured sweaters.

When he sells 3,000 of his pollution treatment machines without a place to manufacture them, he gets into trouble.

He also happens to be the mayor of his little French town and in his petty way manages to dominate the lives of most of the inhabitants. He marries people only if they promise to vote for him; arrests those who anger him; and destroys the property of those who irritate him.

ALL OF THIS, of course, is supposed to be funny. This is a comedy in the De Funès tradition ("L'Alille ou la Cuisine"), and he does, after all, have a large audience both in and outside of France. It is true that one can often laugh at the misfortunes of man or even at man's behaviour as captured by Charlie Chaplin, the Three Stooges or the Marx Brothers, but this film seems to miss the mark.

De Funès and director Zeln attempt to parade some of the sacred cows of life but fail to make them amusing.

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# Money Matters

## Index linked bonds warm up while shares mixed

**TEL AVIV.** — The demand for index-linked bonds is warming up while prices are continuing to gain — in some cases by as much as 10 per cent. Trading turnover in the index-linked bond sector is only half as big as in the period immediately following the last index announcement.

Reports from brokers and the commercial banking sector indicate that demand for index-linked bonds, of the new issue variety, is also picking up as the end of the month approaches.

**IDB Bankholding Corp. Ltd.** yesterday published its annual report for 1978. The report showed that both assets and net after-tax profits rose by 66 per cent.

In the wake of the announcement the stock exchange halted trading in both the Discount and IDB various securities. These securities are generally among the broadly traded securities and the fact that they were not traded yesterday negatively affected overall share turnover which went under the IL50m. mark.

There was little change in the prices of the shares of the commercial banks. Union Bank, Hapoalim and Leumi were unchanged while General Bank was gaining one as was the

## Stocks & bonds — the market report

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case with Hapoalim. **FIBI** was the only share in the group to gain 2 points.

The prices of mortgage bank issues were mixed, but prices generally were little changed.

Insurance stocks were also mixed. However, the price movement was somewhat more volatile than to be seen in the mortgage sector.

The Arceh shares eased by seven points to 775 but the insurance company's yardstick IL5 30 points or 4.6 per cent. Yardenia IL5 rose by slightly more than 3 per cent to 285.

Securities gained 15 points to 375 but Zur (B) eased by 10 points to 589.

der selling pressure and they declined by more than 5 per cent to 181.

Lighter was among the best acting issues yesterday as it soared by nearly 7.5 per cent to 540.

Land development and real estate issues continued to be affected by profit taking. Rasoco ordinary was sharply lower as the shares lost 5.2 per cent to 236. The preferred shares were unchanged.

Industrialists were in line with the mixed pattern visible in other areas of trading. Alliance, in reaction to the poor annual results, was 50 lower to 1420. However, the single biggest winner of the day was to be found in the shares of Frutarom which soared by no less than a full 10 per cent to 111 on a turnover which exceeded IL4.5m.

Investment company shares were generally varied. Jordan Exploration options were hard hit and were down by 7.4 per cent to 1060. The shares were 10 points down, reflecting a loss of more than 3 per cent. Profit taking was visible in **Clai** as the shares were down by 12 points to 477.

Priryon was also lower as it lost 9 points to 235.

Closing price	Change	Volume	IL1,000
Petrochem.	118.0	n.c.	7.0
Petrochem opt. "A"	73.0	n.c.	185.0
Petrochem 20% deb. 1	74.0	+1.0	11.0
Nechustan r	1200.0	n.c.	1.0
Nechustan b	1200.0	n.c.	1.0
Elite	323.0	-3.0	21.5
Elite opt. 3	126.3	+2.0	19.2
Elite 20% conv. sub. 2	95.0	n.c.	13.9
Arad	380.0	n.c.	28.0
Poizat	224.0	n.c.	26.6
Polyon	140.3	-4.5	47.6
Rim 1	483.0	-13.0	2.1
Rim 4	331.0	n.c.	5
Rhemam	382.0	+18.0	3.0
Tal b	329.0	n.c.	20.8
Tal a	335.0	n.c.	7.0
Frutarom	111.0	+10.0	1348.2

## Representative bond prices

Yield	Price	Change
4% Gov't development	200.0	+0.2
Group 1 Yield:	-1.48	
3001	702.3	+2.9
3011	637.1	+3.7
Group 3 Yield:	-1.50	
3013	583.8	+3.3
3020	494.3	+7.7
Group 5 Yield:	-1.74	
3027	494.3	+6.9
3032	488.0	+8.1
4002 (R)	—	—
Group 22 Yield:	+0.73	
3104	347.9	+0.2
Group 24 Yield:	+0.96	
3110	290.4	n.c.
3115	290.4	n.c.
4% Gov't (80% Co-L)	—	—
Group 42 Yield:	+2.62	
3201	233.8	+1.8
3206	202.4	+1.8
Group 44 Yield:	+2.10	
3210	196.7	+1.0
3213	187.2	+0.1
6.5% Gov't (80% Co-L)	—	—
Group 52 Yield:	+2.80	
3501	190.0	+0.2
3504	168.7	+0.1
7% Gov't (80% Co-L)	—	—
Group 62 Yield:	+3.17	
3523	241.1	+4.4
3528	156.4	+0.3
Group 64 Yield:	+3.39	
3534	148.0	+0.3
3541	140.4	+0.4
Group 66 Yield:	+3.50	
3544	132.5	+1.0
3548	123.2	+1.0
6.5% Defense loan	—	—
Group 1 Yield:	-3.43	
75 (Aylin Heh)	813.1	-1.7
80 (Peh)	799.1	-1.0
Group 3 Yield:	-3.25	
81 (Peh Aleph)	785.0	-0.8
82 (Peh)	740.1	-0.6
202 (Resh Bet)	—	—
213 (Nun Aleph)	901.0	+11.0
219 (Aylin)	820.0	n.c.
Gov't double-option linked	—	—
202	154.2	+0.7
2011	140.8	+1.3
2021	129.8	+1.3
2021	129.8	+1.3
Defense loan 89	—	—
8 (Peh)	614.0	n.c.
84 (Mem Daleit)	599.0	+5.0
34 (80% linked to foreign currency)	—	—
6% Electric Corp. "B"	711.0	+2.0
6% Bank Yed Workis	120.0	+5.0
3 5/8% 80% 80%	110.0	n.c.
Bank 70% linked to foreign currency	—	—
60%	148.0	n.c.
Dollar denominated bonds	—	—
7% Unico	96.6	+2.6
7% Gen'l Mgt. 43	97.7	n.c.
Holla 15	99.3	n.c.
Holla 20	—	—
Holla 25	90.8	+0.8
6.5% Wolfson	78.0	n.c.
7% Telat 10	95.3	-0.1
7% Cial investment 2	98.3	n.c.
8 1/2% Framanated bonds	—	—
6% Bank Yed 38	101.1	-1.0
3 5/8% Mimunim 3	108.0	n.c.
5% Meniv 3	108.7	n.c.

## Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Closing price	Change	Volume	IL1,000
Commercial Banks & Banking Co's			
H.B. r	460.0	-4.0	107.2
H.B. p	430.0	-1.0	1.0
D.B. r	—	—	—
D.B. p	—	—	—
D.B. opt. "A"	380.0	—	—
D.B. opt. "B"	—	—	—
D.B. opt. "C"	—	—	—
D.B. opt. "D"	—	—	—
D.B. opt. "E"	—	—	—
Leumi	303.0	n.c.	65.5
Leumi opt. 3	410.0	n.c.	1.0
Leumi opt. 4	194.0	n.c.	11.6
Leumi opt. 5	102.0	-1.0	108.9
Leumi opt. 6	137.0	n.c.	81.9
Leumi opt. 7	100.0	n.c.	90.4
Leumi opt. 8	613.0	n.c.	4.4
Leumi opt. 9	607.0	n.c.	25.0
Leumi opt. 10	146.0	n.c.	—
Leumi opt. 11	221.0	n.c.	—
Leumi opt. 12	335.0	n.c.	—
Leumi opt. 13	618.0	+2.0	14.0
Leumi opt. 14	602.0	n.c.	25.0
Leumi opt. 15	179.0	+5	376.0
Leumi opt. 16	587.0	+1.5	12.4
Leumi opt. 17	307.0	+3.0	15.0
Leumi opt. 18	172.0	n.c.	09.6
Leumi opt. 19	143.0	+3.0	72.1
Leumi opt. 20	142.0	+5	64.7
Leumi opt. 21	590.0	+1.0	162.1
Leumi opt. 22	587.0	+1.0	148.9
Leumi opt. 23	216.0	+1.0	1.0
Leumi opt. 24	480.0	+1.0	29.3
Leumi opt. 25	380.0	+5.0	82.4
Leumi opt. 26	304.0	+4.0	283.8
Leumi opt. 27	423.0	+1.0	5.0
Leumi opt. 28	130.0	n.c.	186.8
Leumi opt. 29	128.0	n.c.	107.2
Leumi opt. 30	282.0	+1.5	85.8
Leumi opt. 31	111.0	-4.0	60.0
Leumi opt. 32	339.0	n.c.	1815.9
Leumi opt. 33	580.0	n.c.	2.0
Leumi opt. 34	396.0	n.c.	276.0
Leumi opt. 35	149.0	n.c.	115.0
Leumi opt. 36	441.0	n.c.	5
Leumi opt. 37	212.0	n.c.	37.7
Leumi opt. 38	181.0	n.c.	30.7
Leumi opt. 39	212.0	+1.0	218.5
Leumi opt. 40	128.0	n.c.	32.5
Leumi opt. 41	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 42	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 43	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 44	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 45	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 46	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 47	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 48	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 49	358.0	+2.0	—
Leumi opt. 50	358.0	+2.0	—

Closing price	Change	Volume	IL1,000
Housing Mgt. b	398.0	+2.0	28.0
Housing Mgt. 50% div. 75	248.0	+2.0	81.0
Housing Mgt. opt. 1	278.0	+3.0	12.1
Housing Mgt. opt. 2	187.0	+3.0	31.0
Tefahot pref. r	323.0	-0.0	7.2
Tefahot pref. b	335.0	-12.0	6.0
Tefahot r	214.0	-4.0	68.1
Tefahot b	350.0	n.c.	88.3
Mervav	208.0	n.c.	130.1
Mervav opt. 1	121.5	+4.0	39.4
Specialized Financial Institutions			
Shilton r	66.0	-1.0	64.6
Shilton b	91.0	-3.0	48.0
Shilton opt. "A"	73.0	n.c.	9.7
Shilton opt. "B"	73.0	n.c.	65.0
Shilton opt. "C"	67.0	-2.0	130.0
Shilton 18% deb. 1	71.5	n.c.	50.0
Shilton 18% deb. 2	71.5	n.c.	50.0
Otzar La'taasiya r	348.0	n.c.	4.3
Otzar La'taasiya b	349.0	n.c.	2.0
Ampa	541.0	n.c.	15.8
Agriculture "A"	128.0	-3.0	12.6
Ind. Dev. pref.	128.0	n.c.	3.0
Insurance Companies			
Aryeh	775.0	-7.0	12.8
Aryeh opt.	502.0	+30.0	58.7
Hasaneh r	671.0	-0.0	61.7
Hasaneh b	577.0	-0.0	78.3
Hasaneh opt.	162.0	-4.0	72.0
Phoenix 1	403.0	-3.0	28.5
Phoenix 2	372.0	-8.0	10.0
Phoenix 3	219.0	-4.0	15.3
Yardenia 1	285.0	+8.0	22.5
Yardenia 2	393.0	n.c.	7.1
Sahar b	410.0	-0.0	26.2
Sahar opt.	112.0	-1.0	79.1
Sahar 18% deb.	67.0	-1.0	42.1
Securities	378.0	+18.0	42.1
Securities 50% div. 75	354.0	+10.0	67.7
Securities opt.	189.5	+2.0	53.7
Zur r	382.0	-3.0	1.5
Zur b	399.0	-10.0	9.0
Commercial Services & Utilities			
Motor House	323.5	—	—
Delek r	193.0	-3.5	201.7
Delek b	238.5	n.c.	5.4
Delek opt. 1	426.0	+8.0	2.0
Delek 20% deb. 1	213.0	-2.0	2.1
Delek 20% deb. 2	213.0	-2.0	2.1
Cold Storage 1	284.0	-3.0	14.4
Cold Storage 2	284.0	-3.0	14.4
Cold Storage 30% deb. 1	181.0	-12.0	15.0
Cold Storage 30% deb. 2	123.0	n.c.	28.5
Israel Electric	274.0	-8.0	12.3
Lightage	450.0	+37.0	20.0
Lightage 5	337.0	+8.0	45.8
Lightage opt. 3	139.0	+2.0	48.3
Lightage deb.	99.5	+2.0	202.5
Rapac 1	397.0	-2.0	46.3
Rapac 2	377.0	n.c.	53.0
Land, Building, Development & Citrus			
Azotim	495.0	-5.0	80.1
Azotim opt. "A"	374.0	-1.0	54.2
Azotim 20% deb. 1	188.5	-2.0	164.8
Azotim 20% deb. 2	218.0	-2.0	164.8
Azotim 20% deb. 3	942.0	-2.0	37.1
LL.D.C. r	116.0	-0.0	146.0
LL.D.C. b	201.0	-0.0	80.7
LL.D.C. opt. "A"	393.0	n.c.	12.1
LL.D.C. opt. "B"	164.0	-4.0	74.0
LL.D.C. opt. 20% deb. 3	146.0	-4.0	30.2
Hotel Prop. & Bldg.	343.0	-2.0	192.0
Prop. & Bldg. opt. "A"	438.0	n.c.	23.3
Prop. & Bldg. 18% deb. 4	324.0	n.c.	—
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Bayside 1	314.0	-4.0	13.0
Bayside 2	316.0	-3.0	12.0
Lamas	995.0	+10.0	1.5
I.C.P.	1470.0	n.c.	1.5
Pri Or	875.0	-10.0	—
Rasoco pref.	241.5	n.c.	49.0
Rasoco 20% deb. 1	338.0	-13.0	34.2
Oil Exploration			
Urdan r	132.0	-4.0	214.9
Urdan b	381.0	+3.0	71.8
Urdan opt.	360.0	+3.0	5.8
EBIT r	225.0	+4.0	86.3
EBIT b	427.0	+4.0	1.0
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## Peace countdown begins

THE EXCHANGE OF the documents of ratification between Israel and Egypt yesterday concludes the first stage in the establishment of a formal peace relationship between the two countries.

The last-minute hitch which marred what should have been simply a ceremonial occasion was certainly unfortunate. Better preparatory work could have prevented the embarrassment that was caused to both parties.

But in the end the formalities were successfully concluded to the chagrin of the hostile rejectionist Arab states.

They are now venting their hostility against Egypt in ways which will only encourage Cairo and Jerusalem to put quicker substance into the process of normalization.

The Egyptians have already uncovered a Syrian sabotage plot in Cairo that was meant to back up the bluster of Syria's strongman Assad about ridding Egypt of the "traitorous" Sadat regime. In this, Libya's Gaddafi antedates Assad, and the PLO has not always been clean of such intentions.

There is every reason to believe that Egypt's security services will be up to meeting these new challenges. President Sadat's real problem will be not subversion but the threat to Egypt's shaky economy deriving from the actions of Arab states, usually labelled "moderate" by the State Department, principally, Saudi Arabia.

Riyadh on Tuesday announced that it was severing its "diplomatic and political" ties with Egypt. Earlier in the week, Kuwait announced that it too was cutting off relations with Cairo, and noted pointedly that this would include economic ties, a point that the Saudis had purposely left vague. The United Arab Emirates and Qatar yesterday followed Saudi Arabia's example.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have provided Egypt with the bulk of the financial aid it has been receiving from the rich Arab countries. Sayyed Marei, one of President Sadat's closest aides, has estimated this aid over the past ten years at more than \$11 billion.

These two countries have also accounted for the lion's share of the multi-million dollar deposits by Arab countries in Egyptian banks and of their participation in a variety of joint economic projects. To this should be added the large Saudi investment in the Egypt-based Arab Industries Organization which produces billions of dollars worth of military goods under licence from France, Britain and the U.S.

Further factors linking Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the Egyptian economy include the tens of thousands of Egyptians working in the two oil-rich countries and the large private investments Saudis and Kuwaitis have in Egypt. Income from all of these sources has played a significant role in making it possible for Egypt to pay for badly needed imports.

The success of Sadat's gamble on peace with Israel will depend to no little degree on the resilience of the Egyptian economy in the face of such challenges, on American readiness to step into the breach if need be, and on the true nature of Saudi intentions.

The Egyptians are as uncertain in regard to these intentions as is anyone else. Officials in Cairo point to the repeated Saudi pledges to honour their aid commitments, made before the signing of the peace pact on March 26. Yesterday, the Saudi Minister of Defence confirmed that Riyadh had already banked the money promised for the purchase of the U.S. of 50 F-5 jet-fighters for Egypt.

The punitive measures, in which Saudi Arabia has now joined, are an outgrowth of last month's Baghdad conference decisions for sanctions against Egypt for daring to break with the generation-old Arab taboo against Israel.

Saudi Arabia's "Al-Jadiah" newspaper said yesterday that the decision to break off relations with Egypt "was taken after all Arab efforts had failed to check Egypt's headlong drive to make more concessions to the enemy..." Another Saudi paper, "Al-Medina," said that Saudi Arabia had reached the conclusion that all the Arabs could not be wrong about the peace treaty with Israel "and only Egypt is right."

But behind these protestations there are two major factors that explain the Saudi action. The first is the apparent radicalization of the Saudi royal family by militant princes led by Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the national guard. The second is the failure of American diplomacy to check Saudi Arabia's headlong rush into a closer relationship with the radical Arab states, including Syria and Iraq.

This political swing by Saudi Arabia runs the risk of isolating Riyadh from its own natural allies in the Arab world and in exposing it to the intrigues of its new found "friends" in Baghdad, Damascus and in the PLO.

Despite all their riches, the Saudis may well find that they are much more vulnerable than Sadat.

# Random thoughts at the fair

EDWARD GROSSMAN visited the Jerusalem Book Fair, where he found himself doubting the usefulness of literacy and the power of the freely printed word.

AS SOLOMON said, *Asot sefarim habehin et beti*. "Of the making of many books, there is no end." If he were still alive, the King would certainly be even more world-weary. And after ceremoniously opening the Ninth Jerusalem International Book Fair that has attracted large crowds day and night at Binyamin He'ozma this past week, he would probably have skipped the rest and gone home to write *sefer seferim*.

He would know, without having to visit them, that the book-displays of hundreds of publishers from 26 countries were set up along kilometers of floor space like stalls of fish and fruit in Mahane Yehuda. The stuff was for sale. He would not be surprised to learn that among the books there were sex manuals for 12-year-olds, and paper backs that tell you how to cope with loss. This would grieve him, because Solomon understood what we tend to forget — every book is an image of the Bible.

"The most obvious junk, bought and read to kill time, somehow aspires to be a magical object as well. Like the Bible, it might save the world, or if not the world, at least the reader. But leave the junk aside. The question in 1979 is whether the bravest and wisest book can be taken seriously."

The answer has to do partly with geography. The fact that such a great fair is held in Jerusalem proves that Israel belongs to an archipelago of countries where there is the freedom to publish. In a way, Israel stands out and offers these few countries something of an inspiration, since under tough circumstances there has been almost no censorship of books here. Yet in Israel, as in even farther, more peaceful, more democratised democracies, a natural paradox baffles the pride of those who would put their faith in books: where the Press is free, the Word is devalued.

ONLY IN countries where printing presses are closely supervised by the government do books have the possibility of being taken really seriously these days. This means more than two-thirds of the United Nations, but especially the Communist countries — Russia and its satellites, China — where literacy is

widespread enough to make control of the printed word important.

In Russia, illegal books from the clandestine *samizdat* press are rightly treated both by their readers and by the secret police as explosives that could blow that society to bits. Solzhenitsyn's books have this potential, obviously, but so have Nabokov's and Mandelstam's and Brodsky's, whose work shows the Soviet reader a personal escape-hatch, a path to spiritual migration out of the Socialist paradise. There, the Word can still be powerful, dangerous, redemptive.

As with pot and sex in the West a generation ago, so with certain scarce books in Russia today — the danger involved in getting your hands on them lends excitement and significance to the Word which it loses when restrictions are lifted. Russian intellectuals who get out to Israel and the other countries of the West are known to be unable to enter bookstores at first, because the sight of all these titles freely available induces nausea.

It is too bad that among the hundreds of publishers at the fair, the *samizdat* press was not represented. To be sure, you couldn't miss Solzhenitsyn's books, in a dozen translations from the original, in paperback as delicately-wrapped as candy, put out by publishing houses that are but one of the arms of monstrous leisure-time conglomerates. "The Cancer Ward" sits in among promised short-cuts to health, sensuality, and inner peace. It is not a pretty picture. The West makes Solzhenitsyn a millionaire, listing him after Philip Roth, while 95 per cent of its other writers, unpublished and published, starve.

SHOULD BOOKS be banned, then? Should we throw them into the fire, hoping they will rise from it purified and meaningful? The question is rhetorical, not practical. So long as the democratic countries stay fairly well-to-do and democratic indifference tolerance of the printed word will remain the rule. But even to pose the question betrays a terrible doubt about the usefulness of literacy — and the question is posed implicitly all the time.

Everyone has heard that the advent of television, drugs and recorded music signifies the end of the old idea that literacy can carry out some civilising mission, that it can hold the line against barbarism. Let us in the barbarians, more than one literary critic has written with bravado and despair. Other learned writers have wondered whether a bookish culture is necessarily more just, humane, or aesthetically pleasing than one based largely on drugs, TV, and spectator sports. Still others propose that self-respecting writers take a vow of silence.

The obvious needless and extreme remedies are published in new books, of course — where else? Some of this writing is serious, but there is also a streak of lazy, self-indulgent masochism running through the current literature on the death of literature, especially that part of it produced by professors with tenure.

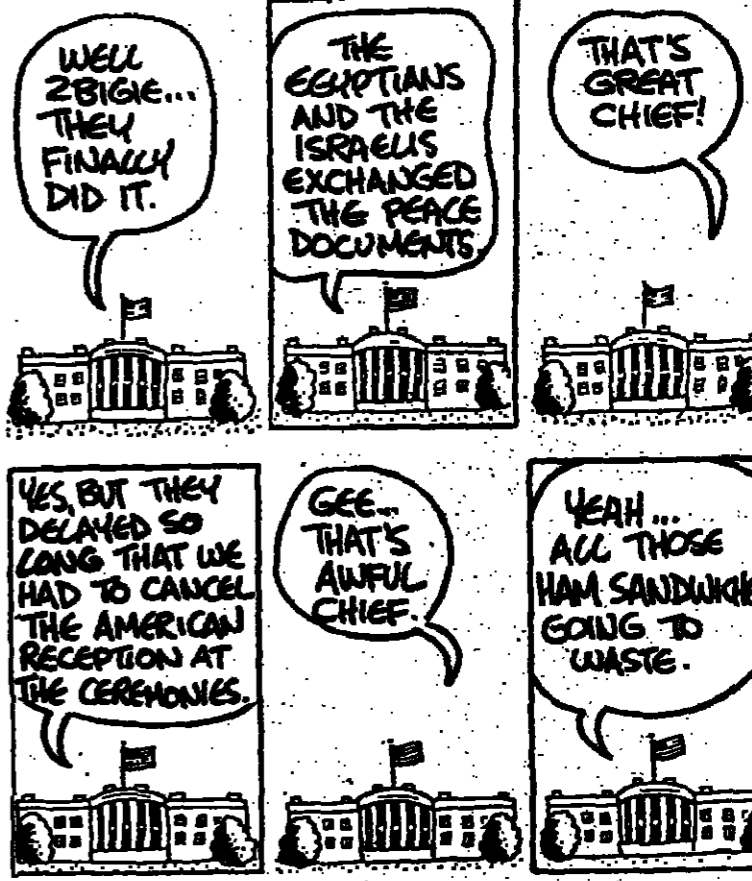
Has this happened before? Browning through the West German section at the fair, it was hard to resist the analogy to the Weimar Republic, although analogies are usually misleading, and this one is much too popular. But in Weimar times too, it seems, there was simultaneously an explosion in publishing and in cynicism, and neither the books nor the cynicism availed much when Hitler arrived.

He burned the books by Jews first, before he burned the Jews. Now that the two Germans are virtually *Judenrein* except for Israeli night-club owners, and the publishing houses of Frankfurt and Berlin — once mostly owned and staffed by Jews — are conscientiously carrying out their mandate to publish freely, they are putting out all the works of Ephraim Kishon, and also many handsome volumes on Israel, Zionism and Judaism.

Cynicism is in order here, but not simply cynicism. West Germany like Israel, is located on the exposed outer rim of that ring of democratic islands. Because of their position, and their past, West Germany and Israel constitute test cases. If books fare badly in these two countries, then there is probably not much hope for books in the West.

This is not only a Western problem, however. Although

## Dry Bones



Solzhenitsyn scorns the West, it seems that some of the dissidents in the Communist countries look in that direction, through a somewhat rosy mist of ignorance, for a model of liberating, not repressive or nauseating, tolerance. They look especially in the direction of West Germany and Israel. If we stooped to rage and cynicism entirely, if we did not go on even though it appears absurd, we would be falling them as well as ourselves.

HOW FARE the book in the Jewish State? Is Israel's culture really a bookish one? No doubt it is less so than that of the *shetl*, where the poor scholar is supposed to have enjoyed the highest prestige and married the rich merchant's most beautiful daughter.

Yet if Zionism was meant to normalise the values of the Jews together with their living conditions, this might change should not be regretted too much. And it is slight, comparatively. Even in their own — so-called normal — state, one out of 20 Jews have paid the price of a movie ticket to gain entrance to the fair. One in 20 — the same percentage as have left Israel and settled in New York City. If there were a book fair in New York, and one in 20 Americans attended it, that would

mean, incredibly, a crowd of a million book-lovers.

At the opening ceremony in Beit Menahem Regim bragged: "We come from the People of the Book."

During 10 centuries of exile, the Jews certainly were the People of the Book. They had no children with Islam. Without the Book, there would have been no Islam, no Israel, no Jewish Truth, memory and life were in the Book, and when the ghetto was profane books — became available, these inevitably acquired some of the attributes of the Book's secondhand.

True faith in books may now be on its way out, actually dying, the respect as an object of the Jewish may not really be such a special case. As Israel slowly becomes normal, and the Diaspora writ large, it is an open question whether, even among Jews, books will retain their magic.

But in the meantime, thanks to some genetic left-over perhaps there still seem to be many in Israel and other Jewry, like the young Isaac Rabel, stick their noses in the fresh books, getting high on the perfume.

The author is an American without the being in Jerusalem.

## 'Normal' is not good enough

The recent postal "sanctions" were nothing less than an outright strike, and getting the mail back to "normal" means something less than normal, argues YOSEF GOLDSCHMIDT.

chose at random whatever came to hand, without rhyme or reason.

Mail from abroad is another matter. Flight time from Europe to Israel is four to five hours, and from U.S. to Israel 12 hours. Allowing for processing in the towns, transport to the airport, etc., one can understand that a letter might take two to three days on those routes. But it has been the rule now for years that letters to Europe take five to eight days, and the same to the U.S. but to Britain 12 days on the average.

Where do the letters lie all that time? Gone are the days when letters from abroad were date-stamped in Israel on arrival, hence gone is the possibility of discovering the source of the delay.

During one of the last El Al strikes it transpired that the monopoly enjoyed by El Al as carrier of all airmail to and from the country could

be a contributory factor in this calamity, probably not the only one. But it was a fact that during those weeks mail from overseas arrived faster than when El Al was not striking.

THESE FACTS and others have been brought to the attention of the authorities time and again, but to no avail. The complaining citizen might receive an explanatory letter — that explains nothing. You complain that the whole street in which you live has not received a letter for a day or two, and you are informed that the postman was ill or on reserve duty: Can this be accepted as an explanation?

In some smaller towns or outlying suburbs people are quite resigned to their postman coming once every three days.

During the Seventh Knesset the relevant committee investigated the

claims that Jerusalem postmen work only half the number of hours for which they are paid, for they do not return to their offices after distributing the mail in their district. The authorities admitted that they were unable to enforce the full work schedule.

For four weeks now we heard of the "sanctions" of the postal workers. Postal workers explained on television that they just do not work shifts other than from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Now, since no one works two or three shifts in a 24-hour day, where did those men work who normally should have been on an afternoon shift or night shift? It stands to reason that they could not all be accommodated in the morning shift, for if that could have been done, why the accumulation of millions of pieces of mail? Thus, the men of the afternoon and night shifts did strike. Why not speak the truth? Why think the public so stupid as to swallow all the euphemisms that went into the published explanations?

There can be few other public services in the country where there is such complete disregard for work discipline. Take again the last strike. One evening we saw on TV how a reporter was given access to sacks of mail, helped himself to a handful and read out the addressees of those letters.

The evening after the end of the strike we were informed that the accumulated mail bags were kept for the duration in the post office — and under the open sky. The 20 hours of intensive rain in all parts of the country occurred during the strike. Better not to think of what happened to the mail you have been waiting for, if it was in one of those bags in the rain.

THE SITUATION is not covered in the report of the State Comptroller's Ministry. But the last line of the report is telling: "The follow-up retention of findings of previous years has shown and that in many areas, defects (found) by the Comptroller) did not receive any attention and remain uncorrected." It may be assumed that this refers to the delivery of mail in no small measure.

The Communications Ministry is — compared to the history of the State. Sometimes part of a large unit, more prestigious (not more essential) unit; sometimes a relatively small separate ministry — the was always considered third or fourth in order of importance.

Without real interest shown by the political head of the ministry, even capable and devoted senior staff find it difficult to carry out the reforms, which always mean painful decisions that affect the work of the service.

The present set-up, with Yitzhak Mordechai responsible for the glamour and energy supply problems together with the humble postal vice, gives little hope for improvement.

The separate unit which may set up as a result of this strike is obviously intended to secure better working conditions for employees. This is not the same as Mr. Amit's suggestion to farm the service and make it a private enterprise that must prove itself to the eyes of the public.

If the former course is taken, those responsible remember better wages and salaries do not matter. It should be possible to see that in any new deal both sides be served; the workers and the public.

Saruly "normal" is not enough this time.

The author is a former Editor of the Jerusalem Post.

### POSTSCRIPTS

DURING A recent visit to the Haifa Journalists' Club, British Ambassador John Mason revealed that he and Mrs. Mason were so happy in Israel that every morning he prays that the Queen will not think of him and transfer him to some other country.

But, as he has already completed more than two years in Israel, he fears his term is now half-way through, even if the Almighty keeps him out of the Queen's thoughts.

The envoy also regretted that the Israel press, like its British counterpart, tends to accentuate the negative. "The attitude seems to be that good news is no news," he sighed, pointing out that Israelis have many blessings to count, including of course the "incredible" signing of the peace treaty with Egypt. Y.F.

HAIFA ARCHITECTS, Haim Fruchter and Ze'ev Pollack recently received the Karavan Prize for their landscape of the playground at the Reali School in Haifa.

The biennial prize is given in memory of the landscape architect Abraham Karavan by the Karavan family, the Council for a Beautiful Israel, the National Parks Authority and other voluntary organizations. L.L.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### FACTS OF LIFE IN ISRAEL

TO THE Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Druyan's vote for ridiculous statement of the year. In a recent English-language radio interview, he called for massive aid by free-world Jews in the wake of the Israel-Egypt peace agreement.

At the present time, absorption centres are crowded, housing at reasonable prices is not available, the cost of living and rate of inflation are completely unacceptable, the backlog of telephone installation requests grows, religious coercion is as strong as ever, the country is littered from one end to the other, driving remains extremely hazardous, there

#### FIGHTING INFLATION

TO THE Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — While I am aware that economic measures are needed to curb inflation, I also believe that such measures alone will never achieve the desired results, unless the attitude of most Israelis undergoes a drastic change.

People who buy numerous things they really do not need claim they are doing this because their money will be worthless if they do not spend it. However, these people forget that inflation is a chain reaction encouraged by people who spend their money much too freely.

Hardly anywhere else in the world are people so well dressed, follow the latest craze so enthusiastically, exchange perfectly good and serviceable goods for new ones at exorbitant prices thus fueling inflation and disregarding their country's national economic needs.

As the British did when they had to face hardship, we should join forces to create an atmosphere where it would be unpopular to show off new acquisitions and where thrift would be desirable and admirable.

INGEBORG LEWINTHAL  
Tel Aviv.

#### AND WHAT ABOUT MAHAL?

TO THE Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — While LEY, IZL and the Hagana are arguing with one another as to who founded the State of Israel, may I humbly enter the race with Mahal volunteers from the English-speaking countries who contributed so much to the foundation of the Israel Air Force, without which there probably wouldn't be a Jewish State today.

The bombers and fighters that flew out of Ramat David and Ekron airfields were all manned by crews from English-speaking countries. The pilots and crews who brought in planes at great danger to their lives were all "Anglo-Baxon" volunteers. The heroes who died flying for Israel

in 1948 were English-speaking Jews and even a few Jews.

They belonged to neither side of the present controversy, yet their role is played down while others claim the credit.

Let the powers that be publish a list of the boys who flew in the War of Independence and those who died flying for Israel.

Apart from Ezer Weisman and others who can be counted on one hand, our political parties will not be represented at all on this list, although they all played their part in the establishment of the State of Israel. Each in its own way.

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